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SUBJECT: TWO LEFTIST GROUPS AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS

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1. ON FEBRUARY 21, CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED TWO LEFT-WING GROUPS AS OFFICIAL POLITICAL PARTIES WITH RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN MAY 16 NATIONAL ELECTIONS. THEY ARE THE DOMINICAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCD), THE MOSCOW-ORIENTED COMMUNIST GROUPING, AND UNION PATRIOTICA (UPA), ORGANIZATION FORMED LAST YEAR BY REMNANTS OF PEKING-LINE GROUPLETS WHICH HAD OPTED FOR OVERT POLITICAL EXISTENCE. ALSO RECOGNIZED WAS THE MOVIMIENTO ACCION SOCIALCRISTIANO (MAS), PRO-GOVERNMENT OFFSHOOT OF OPPOSITION REVOLUTIONARY SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY (PRSC), A TRADITIONAL, DEMOCRATICALLY ORIENTED GROUP.

2. PCD WAS LEGALIZED BY LAW PASSED LAST NOVEMBER (REFTEL), WHICH OFFICIALLY WAIVED IN ITS CASE LAWS SPECIFICALLY BANNING COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN DR. UPA FACED MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS SINCE IT WAS NOT COVERED IN ABOVE LEGISLATION AND WAS SELF-PROCLAIMED MARXIST/ANTI-IMPERIALIST
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GROUP. UNLIKE PCD AND MAS, UPA FOUND ITSELF HAMPERED BY POLICE OVER PAST FEW MONTHS IN ITS EFFORTS TO SECURE PETITION SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR RECOGNITION BY JCE. JCE, HOWEVER, DECLARED UPA'S ORGANIZING EFFORTS LEGAL, AND POLICE HARASSMENT OF GROUP CEASED.

3. OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF BOTH LEFTIST GROUPS IS

HISTORIC FIRST IN DEMOCRATIC LIBERALIZATION OF DOMINICAN
POLITICAL PROCESS. IN PAST, SUCH GROUPS COULD ONLY CLANDESTINE-
LY SUPPORT OTHER PARTIES OR CALL ON MEMBERS TO ABSTAIN
FROM ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION. ALTHOUGH NEWLY RECOGNIZED
GROUPS HAVE LITTLE ELECTORAL APPEAL, THEY WILL ATTRACT
A LIMITED NUMBER OF INTELLECTUALS, STUDENTS AND WORKING
CLASS MILITANTS, AND EFFECT OF PARTICIPATION IN MAY 16
ELECTIONS WILL BE TO FURTHER FRAGMENT OPPOSITION.
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